## Department of Justice

## United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott Eastern District of California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, October 27, 2008 www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae CONTACT: Lauren Horwood PHONE: (916) 554-2706 lauren.horwood@usdoj.gov

## LOCAL FEDERAL PROSECUTOR TO BE RECOGNIZED BY UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL

Courtney J. Linn to Be Given Honor in Washington, D.C.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that the United States Department of Justice has selected Assistant United States Attorney Courtney J. Linn of the Sacramento office to receive the John Marshall Award for excellence in legal performance. The United States Attorney General will present the award to Mr. Linn and other award recipients on October 28, 2008 at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

The John Marshall Award is the highest honor the Attorney General bestows for contributions by Department of Justice lawyers in specific subject areas.

Mr. Linn will receive the award for his contributions in the areas of money laundering and asset forfeiture. He is a chief architect of strategies that the Department of Justice has deployed to detect and prosecute financial crimes, including terrorist financing and money laundering. He has promoted the proactive use by federal law enforcement agencies of suspicious activity reports (reports of suspected financial crimes by financial institutions to federal authorities); enhanced the government's ability to prosecute illegal money services businesses; and promoted strategies for using asset forfeiture laws to recover crime proceeds and restore them fraud victims. In recent years, Mr. Linn has authored numerous papers on money laundering and asset forfeiture, which have appeared in government publications, as well as in legal journals in the United States and Great Britain.

"To receive the Attorney General's John Marshall Award is a tremendous honor," said U.S. Attorney Scott. "I have had the pleasure of working closely with Mr. Linn on matters both here in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C., and I speak for many people within the Department of Justice when I say that is deserved recognition for Mr. Linn's outstanding contributions to the Department and its mission."

####